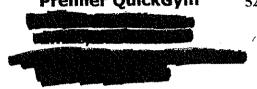


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Dear Sir or Madam:

I believe that the proposed business opportunity rule is going to take away the opportunity of millions of people that have no other way to advance themselves out of their rut or mundane way of life. Yes there are some companies, and some individual representatives of companies, who are deceptive. Most of those do not last long and should be done away with. However, the legitimate ones provide a vehicle to a better standard of living for millions of people who otherwise have very little hope. A spark of hope can grow into a burning desire to improve oneself. Having to wait 7 days, (while listening to all the people that want you to stay on their level, instead of trying to climb to the next,) will put out many a spark of hope. I truly believe that I help people with their health and (with any effort on their part) financial status.

I have a fitness studio and I am an independent associate for Mannatech Inc. Our base sales kit is \$39. Houses, cars, appliances etc, don't have waiting periods and they all cost a lot more. Besides that we have a buy back policy on our products.

In regards to giving out information on previous customer; would that not be a violation of the privacy act? Just a thought I had.

The FTC is necessary and useful in protecting consumers, me included, however the proposed rule will have many unintended and negative consequences. Let's throw out the bad apples, not all of the apples.

